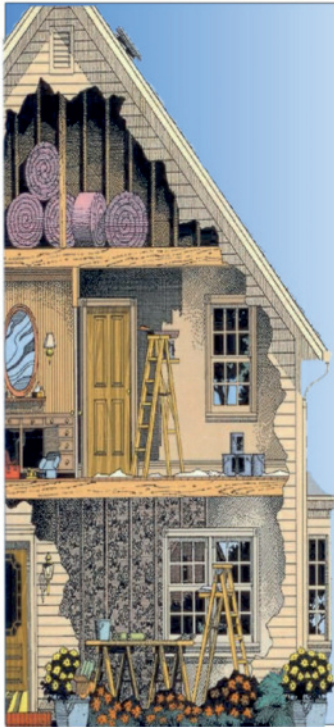




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Sat 10 th May	James Bond Night	7.30pm	LSVH
Sat 10 th May	Barn Dance & Hog Roast	7.30pm	GSVH
Wed 14 th May	WI Meeting	7.30pm	GSVH
Wed 21 st May	Heritage Group Meeting	7.30pm	GSVH
Thur 22nd May	PARISH COUNCIL ELECTIONS		
Sun 15 th June	!OK Charity Run	10.30am	Alconbury Airfield
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Sat 2 nd Aug	Great Stukeley Flower Show	TBA	GSVH
Wed 17 th Sept	Bletchley Park Outing	10.00am	GSVH

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We reserve the right to refuse an article, cut its length or hold it over to a later issue without notice.

Please Note: Any articles or letters appearing in this Magazine are accepted in good faith and are purely the opinion of the Writer and do not necessarily reflect the opinions of the Editor or Parish Council.

A charge is made to advertise in this magazine. All enquiries should be directed to Martyn

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THE STUKELEYS PARISH COUNCIL NEWS

Four Parish Councillors, one County Councillor, one Parish Clerk and three residents attended the Parish Council Meeting held at Little Stukeley Village Hall on the 7th April 2014.

During the Public Participation Session, One resident queried why the Parish Council were paying Anglian Water's charges in respect of the allotments in Great Stukeley. It was explained that these costs were covered by the rents received from allotment holders. A resident expressed that she felt that chickens wandering loose in the highway were not a problem and in fact gave an ambience to the village. It was noted that the issue was also that they wandered into other people's gardens.

County Councillor Peter Ashcroft stated that there will be further consultation on A14, as the road will no longer be tolled and there was a need to redesign part of the road.

The Parish Council were disappointed with CCC Highway's decision not to repair the broken post in Green End. Young Hornbeams on the allotments have now been planted and the pump reinstated and repaired. There is a problem with rabbits getting under the gap under the gate in the Playing Fields, this is to be investigated and rectified. Work on Footpath 13 has now been completed.

The Market Town Transport Strategy (MTTS) is about the future of road and transport around Huntingdon, a new strategy is need for Huntingdon Market Town that looks at the significance of new developments. A Draft MTTS is currently under review.

There were concerns with traffic issues at Green End and the industrial unit at Grange Farm. The Council has written to Huntingdonshire District Council (HDC) on the issue.

There is a need for a central storage unit on the allotments as allotments holders are not permitted to build sheds on their allotments. The original plan for area did contain plans for a central storage unit, therefore three quotations for the work are being obtained for consideration by the Parish Council at a later meeting.

The Parish Council is one of the smallest Parish Councils with the one of the biggest brown site developments (Alconbury Weald) in the country in it's Parish. With the increased workload associated with such a development The Stukeley's Parish Council had to reflect the associated increased costs in an increased precept. As well as other costs, such as village grass cutting and maintenance charges, printing costs for the Parish Magazine, which is highly valued by the all Parishioners of The Stukeleys, have increased substantially over a number of years. Also the Parish Council did not received the Council Tax Support Grant from HDC this year and its income had been reduced when Hinchingsbrooke Park was no long included in The Stukeley's Parish Council Boundary. The Stukeley's level of precept is within mid-range of precepts charged by other Parish Councils and in fact is less than others (Huntingdon, Holywell-cum-Needingworth, Houghton & Wyton, Somersham, St. Ives, Brampton and Bluntisham – just to name a few).

Planning applications for 31 Church Way, Little Stukeley 1400199FUL and 23 Church Road, Great Stukeley 1400286FUL/1400287LBC were considered and approval recommended.

The Parish Council was greatly concerned about the effect of staff changes in HDC Planning Department, especially considering the current development pressures in Huntingdon (Alconbury Weald/Local Plan close to submission/A14 Consultation). The Council has written to the HDC to express the Council's concerns and to ask what HDC propose to do to overcome its staffing difficulties.

The next Parish Council Meeting is to be held on Monday 12th May at 7:30pm at Great Stukeley Village Hall.

Please note that the **Parish Council Elections are to be held on 22nd May 2014**, if you are interested in standing for election as a Parish Councillor or would just like some more information about the role please contact me for an informal chat.

Carole Pollock

Parish Clerk and RFO to The Stukeleys Parish Council

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Hemingford Grey,

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THANK YOU FROM GRAHAME & DAWN BUNDY

We would like to say a big thank you to everyone who sent flowers and cards for our Golden Wedding Anniversary.

Grahame & Dawn

THANK YOU SUSAN & PETER JONES

Sue and Peter Jones would like to say a heartfelt thank you to all friends & neighbours and villagers for all the cards flowers and gift we received whilst Peter was in hospital also to everyone who rang to enquire how he has been getting along.

He has been through such a lot with two operations and an infected wound but it was good to know you were all thinking about us. Now that he is home he is feeling a lot better but is still very weak. The district nurses have been superb coming in daily to dress the wound. It will take a long time until he is back to his old self but with patience he will get there.

Once again thank you all.

Sue and Peter

**Do you want to speak on behalf of
your local community?**

**Do you want to represent
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Have some spare time to
commit to serving the community?**

If you have answered yes to these
questions – why not consider becoming a Parish Councillor

If you are interested in becoming a Parish Councillor

or would just like some more information

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Parish Clerk/RFO – Carole Pollock on 01480 464817 or

email: clerk@thestukeleys-pc-gov.uk

Parish Council Elections for The Stukeleys Parish Council are to be held on 22nd May 2014

The Stukeleys WI Recipe Corner

The Stukeleys Women's Institute published a book of recipes in 1988 on their 70th anniversary and some of them will be reproduced over the coming months for you to try. Your feedback would be appreciated by emailing thestukeleyswi@hotmail.co.uk

Jambalaya

2 floz cooking oil	1 crushed clove garlic
12 oz rice	Seasoning
14 oz can tomatoes	10 oz cooked shrimps or prawns
1 chopped onion	1 green pepper chopped
1 pint water	2 tsp chilli seasoning
6 oz cooked ham chopped	

Method

Heat oil in large saucepan and fry onion, garlic and pepper for 5 mins. Stir in rice and fry for further 2 mins. Add water, bring to boil and simmer for 5 mins. Add other ingredients and simmer for 15 mins or until rice is cooked.

LITTLE STUKELEY VILLAGE HALL

PRESENTS A
BOND THEMED DINNER
and
CASINO NIGHT



Don't forget to book your tickets for "James Bond Night" on Saturday 10th May to avoid disappointment as numbers will be limited to provide space for the casino. Scope for fancy dress is very wide; SCRUFFS, TOFFS or ROGUES, all will be welcome at the casino roulette & blackjack tables. Fake money will be provided when you arrive, and the person who makes the most during the evening will win a prize.

Please note: **START TIME IS 7:30pm**
not 17:30 as stated in the March magazine

On arrival you will be offered a free cocktail and canapés, there will be a sit-down meal later, and casino games will be played during the evening. **Tickets will be £12 each; Ring or email Sally Smith (450356 or sallysmith101@aol.com) to book your places.**

Keith Winter (Tel: 450656 email:
keithwinter2@sky.com)

The Stukeleys Heritage Group

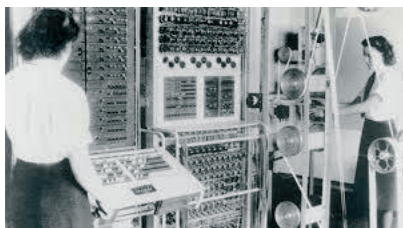
Invites you to its annual outing to

Bletchley Park

Wednesday 17th September 2014

PLEASE NOTE THERE ARE STILL A FEW PLACES LEFT FOR THIS TRIP.

Our annual outing will, this year, be to visit the World War Two code breaking centre at Bletchley Park. The site was a closely guarded secret for the period of the war – and for 30 years afterwards. One of our former residents, Mrs Sue Winn, was one of the WRNS who worked on Alan Turing's "Bombe", the machine which decrypted the Enigma.



We will leave from **Great Stukeley Village Hall at 10 am**, to arrive at the site by 11 am, to be greeted by staff and have time for a coffee/tea, before exploring the site. A one course hot luncheon with coffee or tea is included as part of the **cost of the trip which is £33.00**.

We will leave Bletchley at 4 pm, so there will be plenty of time for you to see much of the site.

Please note that numbers for this visit are strictly limited to just 35 so if you would like to come, let me know asap.. Payment in cash to me by 31st August, please.

Michael Monk

Convenor, Stukeleys Heritage Group., 33 Church Road, Great Stukeley.

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michaelgmonk@hotmail.com

The Stukeleys' Heritage Group

Our next meeting will be at 7.30pm in Great Stukeley Village Hall on

Wednesday 21st May:

Local historian, **David Hufford**, will talk to us about

The Town on our Doorstep –

Some interesting and historical facts and reminiscences of Huntingdon. David knows Huntingdon well, but was also a resident of The Stukeleys when a child – he lived in Great Stukeley and attended the Primary School here. He is well known as a local historian with a fount of knowledge.

Remember you do not have to be a group member to come along – you will be assured of a warm welcome (and a cup of tea or coffee).

Michael Monk

Convener, Stukeleys' Heritage Group
01480 455634

St Bartholomew's Lenten Lunch and Quiz Night

Many thanks to all who supported the very successful Lenten Lunch and we can only apologise for the fact that the Quiz Night had to be cancelled but there were just insufficient numbers to make it a viable occasion.

Keep an eye open for future events the next of which is planned to be a BBQ in June or September.

Richard Turpin
Churchwarden

Little Stukeley Village Hall

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Great Stukeley Flower, Garden & Craft Show 2014

Well, Spring has really sprung this year, so here's hoping for a bumper crop of produce along with fair weather.

Our annual show this year will be held on 2nd August at the Village Hall. We hope you will support us in this popular community event.

We were very happy to find a new judge to help revive this small part of the Flower Show and judging for "Best Spring Garden" went very well. We had 7 entries of a high standard and we hope more of you will enter next year.

The Flower Show Committee is looking for Sponsors for the following sections in the Show:

Vegetables, Plants and Flowers, Floral Arrangements, Arts & Crafts, Photography and Children Under 16.

If you would like to help by sponsoring any of the above Sections for £20 please contact Carol Buttercase on 458089.

Now we are calling on all you keen Gardeners out there! We are looking for entries for Best Kept Garden, Best Hanging Basket and Best Container. If interested please don't hesitate to contact either:

Iain Shaw 07894 382905 or Sylvia Reynolds 01480 458442

As usual on the day of the Show we will be holding a Raffle and Tombola and we would be pleased to accept any Prizes or Donations you would like to give.

THE STUKELEYS W.I.

Meeting held on Wednesday 9th April 2014

The President, Nicki Sly welcomed 28 members and one visitor. Eight apologies for absence were received. Nicki thanked Maureen Sewell and Margaret Helme for the refreshments. Next month's refreshments are being provided by Joan Gray and Sheila Stephenson.

The minutes for the March meeting were read out and it was agreed that they were accurate and Nicki should sign them.

Chris Smith was our speaker for the evening on 'Canada's 1st Nation Indians and their culture'. He has travelled extensively in Canada and has visited many Indian reservations and gave a very interesting insight as to their culture and way of life.

Matters arising: Nicki has attempted to photograph our table cloth for the Centenary Baton memory stick but unfortunately was unable to get a good enough photo. Nicki asked for any MCS forms to be given in, but will bring some more next month to be filled in at the meeting for anyone who has mislaid theirs.

We have obtained permission to advertise the W.I. in the village notice boards. It was also suggested that the library in Huntingdon would be a good place to advertise our meetings. We have been given permission to plant the 3 Centenary Rose bushes in the village hall gardens. The Management Committee of the village hall has also ordered 3 rose bushes as well.

Nicki thanked everyone who attended the Songs of Praise at St Bartholemews on 30th March and reported that it seemed to go very well.

Members were asked to fill in the form for their interests ready for the booking of speakers. Nicki apologised that the report of the last meeting was not in the village magazine but the cut off date was actually before the March meeting. Nicki thanked everyone for contributing to the Bring and Buy table, we raised £27.95 for funds and there will be another Bring and Buy table in June. Raffle tickets for the W.I. and Magpas were available to buy. There is a barn dance on the 10th May and tickets are available from Sarah or Carol Buttercase.

The competition - anything Canadian - 1st Billie Evans - 2nd Sylvia Reynolds - 3rd Nicki Sly. Monica Brown won the draw prize. Birthday chocolates were given out.

The next meeting is **14th May at 7.30pm** and the speaker will be P Whaites - The Re-Birth of Wimpole Gardens. The Curtis bowl - Margaret Helme and Draw prize Jenny Thilo. Competition - item with a flower on it. Roll call - your favourite garden.

Nicki thanked everyone for coming to the meeting and wished them a safe journey home.

Deanna Strange

BARN DANCE
Saturday 10th May 2014

We hope that you will all attend the Great Stukeley Village Hall Committee's BARN DANCE which will be held at the Village Hall on Saturday 10th May 2014.

The BARN DANCE will begin at 7.30pm and features a delicious HOG ROAST.

We need your help with raffle prizes. Could you please let me have your donations BEFORE our big night?

I very much look forward to your call. I can collect your donation if necessary.

Your kindness in supporting our Village Hall is greatly appreciated.

Mary Alleyne-James
Tel: 01480 433 954

The Beechwood Beauty Boat Trip
Tuesday 10th June 2014

Join us on Tuesday 10th June 2014 to enjoy a cruise from Boulter's Lock to Marlow and a coach trip from Marlow to the Cookhams' which promises to be very enjoyable and popular.

We will meet at the Great Stukeley Village Hall on the day of my trip at 08.45am for a PROMPT 09.00am departure by coach.

Our requested *Blue Badge Holder Guide*, Amanda Bryett, will meet us at 11.15 am in Marlow on the High Street next to Sainsbury. After morning refreshments in Marlow we rejoin our coach to follow the trail along the upper reaches of the Thames which has lost none of the magical charm that has enchanted onlookers for centuries.

We plan to arrive in Henley for a good long lunch break with plenty of time to explore the riverside and town at around 1.00pm. After lunch at the start of the afternoon we will wind our way through the Quarry Woods to Cookham. Promptly at 4pm we board our specially hired pleasure cruiser at Boulter's Lock for an incredible journey winding our way upstream where the Thames cuts it's way through the Chilterns.

Join us on this wonderful afternoon cruise with neighbours, family and friends. We will dock at 6.00pm as our coach will meet us in Marlow for our journey home arriving back in Great Stukeley at 8.00pm-depending on traffic.

Price per Person £ 37.50

The price includes our coach journey, our exciting cruise on the Thames with our *Blue Badge Holder Guide* and tips for our driver and Amanda.

Mary Alleyne-James
Tour Organizer Tel (01480)433.953

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Tuesday 16th September 2014

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We will be departing from the Great Stukeley Village Hall at 8.20am PROMPT to reach the PALACE on time to meet our specially requested guide, Jeanie Carmichael. When we break for lunch around 12.30 pm there is a classic Italian restaurant, *La Festa Degi Innamorati*, which is said to offer the finest authentic Italian cuisine in London and views into Bushy Park.

PLEASE NOTE that FULL PAYMENT in CASH ONLY must be received by me personally NO LATER THAN Thursday 8th May 2014 by 5pm. PLEASE BE THOUGHTFUL and CALL ME FIRST TO ARRANGE A MUTUALLY CONVENIENT TIME TO DROP-OFF YOUR PAYMENT AT MY HOME.

£ 39.50 Price per person

This includes the coach to and from London, the entrance fee and tips for our Blue Badge Holder Guide and our coach driver.

Mary Alleyne-James
Tour Organizer
Tel 01480 433 954

Letter to the Editor

Dear Editor,

What planet does `Bumbling Bob` live on?

As a mother with three children, and yes they were all born within wedlock, I need to go to the shops quite often. I struggle with the kids as anyone else would who has three under eight, one of which is still in arms and I find that the Mums and Toddlers spaces near to the entrance to the store a great help. I may just remind Bumbling Bob that it's the stores who mark out the parking spaces not the shoppers. Perhaps the store has more knowledge of a mothers needs than Bumbling Bob has? Perhaps they have asked their customers what they want and listened to them?

I would invite bumbling bob to come with me on a shopping trip and we will park at the outer limits of the car park and see how he copes; being a male I doubt he would.

A more insensitive column I have yet to read.

Bobs Reply

And where is the male of the progeny? Perhaps he has b*****d off to get away from a whining woman? They obviously knew nothing of contraception?!

BOBS BUMBLINGS TWO

Firstly I would like to thank those of you whom I have met around the village and guessed my identity and then proceeded to congratulate me on the first of the columns and stated how right I was in my views. I have to state that I did meet one female who gave me a slight hard time but that's one amongst the many. I was glad to see we have so many people of sense in the villages.

And so dear readers we come to my next diatribe.

Well Easter has just passed and with it the celebration of the man who came to save us as he was the Son of God as it is stated in many learned tomes, inclusive of the Christian Bible, or at least the version used since the Conclave of Constantine also known as the Council of Nicea in 327. For those of you who are not scholars of ancient history this was the meeting where they sorted out the books that were to become known as the Bible. They left out of the Bible the following collections of texts that were up to that time in common use in different parts of the Christian world. These were texts called Hebrews, James, 2 Peter, 2-3 John, Jude, Ps-Barnabas, Hermas, Didache, Gospel of Hebrews, Gospels of Peter, Thomas, Matthaïas, Acts of Andrew, and the acts of John.

Why were they left out of the modern bible? That I leave up to you dear reader to find out. Just one last point: the story of the resurrection is not found in any bibles until those written after 900AD. Hmmm?

And so back to Easter and the accompanying supermarket shelves' full of Chocolate Eggs celebrating the tomb of Jesus and his resurrection. Have you ever looked at the contents carefully to see just how much chocolate there is in an egg? No, well I will entreat you to do so because you will find that at least half the weight if not more is in the wrapping. Why do we allow ourselves to be treated like idiots all the time by the manufacturers? Even the word chocolate is not accurate, the definition having to be changed twice to make it fit with modern law. Chocolate is supposed to have a minimum of 70% Cocoa bean. Yes that's right that makes it dark chocolate, not tan coloured or even white. In fact white chocolate has no chocolate at all in it. What is going on?

What's going on is that we, the consumer, are allowing ourselves to be swept along by marketing gurus paid zillions by the companies to get us to buy their product. On the way we of course fill up landfills with all the wrapping that comes with the product. It's the same with pies. Have you actually looked at pies to see how much meat is in one? You will be very surprised at what you see.

And so we eat and eat and eat. And then we look around and see just how fat we are getting as a nation. But even more so the fatness epidemic is also seen in the differing social classes. Now Waitrose is known as the most expensive supermarket (it's not) and also by the fact that supposedly upper middle and middle class people shop there. Whether that's true I leave up to you. What I do know is that if you take a trip around the Waitrose in Cambridge and look at the size of the people shopping there and then drive across town and look at the sizes of the people shopping at Tesco's and Sainsbury's you will note a massive difference. The women are at least on average two dress sizes smaller at Waitrose. The chaps' bellies are also smaller at Waitrose. Why is that? Could it be that the more educated see through the ad men's entreaties? Is it they take more exercise as a group? Is it they are far more careful what they eat and the portion size? Who knows but it's an interesting fact.

I close on a subject entirely different: The Parish Council elections. Will we still end up with a collection of old duffers or will some of you be willing to get out and challenge the parish rulers in an election? For too long far too many of our Parish Councillors have been over the age of sixty. Its youngsters we need on the Parish Council not those looking over their shoulders at the approaching figure of the Grim Reaper. Strike a blow for the Village and vote youth, or at least middle aged!

More "Bumblings" next month!

Ferretting Around

What a great fun evening at Great Stukeley Village Hall on Saturday 22 March.

This was the second time my husband and I had attended a Ferret Race Evening. This year we increased our group to three race punters as my brother was visiting from Canada who was a former hunter with his ferrets.

The event was presented by a Ferret Welfare group that rescue and rehouse abandoned ferrets whilst organising charity race evenings for various fund raising clubs. This also generates funds to care for the ferrets.

The evening was well organised by Mary Alleyne-James in support of the Great Stukley Village Hall. Guests were invited to choose and name their ferret to race and cheer on for the evening. In real horse racing style folks all joined in by placing bets on which ferret they fancied to perform well and win a race. A wonderful jovial atmosphere was created by all the punters and in a professional racing style commentary was given by Chris the owner of the ferret welfare group.

Supper was served, Cottage pie and lemon cheesecake desert, which was as good as the racing. This all complemented an enjoyable evening.

Jenny Corney

Great Stukeley Ferret Racing Evening 2

Just writing to let you know how much we enjoyed the evening of Ferret Racing. From the time we entered the Village Hall, until the time we left it was so well organised, it went like clockwork. The tote was very quick and the people did a great job.

The Ferrets created so much fun with their antics, will they-won't they, come out of the tunnels at the end, was hilarious. The Ferrets obviously enjoyed doing this and were very good tempered and well looked after. The rescue people are doing a really good job.

The dinner was well received and the dessert was delicious so thank you to the caterer Jan Tilden.

There were several people in our group who had not been to Ferret racing before and they thoroughly enjoyed the evening and all said they would come to it again if you have another one.

We realized what a lot of organization went into the event and thank Mary and Barrie and all the helpers that made the evening such a success.

Thanks Mary for a really enjoyable evening. You did a great job.

Deanna Strange



REFLECTIONS: Fundraising Ferret Racing Evening 2 Saturday 22nd March 2014

...that bubbling sound of everyone enjoying themselves was music to the ear.

Two years on...It was another great party on Saturday 22nd March 2014 when the Ferrets came to town for the second time!

The success behind the Fundraising Ferret Racing Evening 2 was in the eight months of planning and the help of sponsors, donors and helpers.

Our Race Sponsors were Gloria Oakey, Nancie & Harry Raby, Dame Norma & Sir John Major, Sylvie & Chris Reynolds, Caroline & Simon Murkett and Stuart Bell. Donations were gratefully received from Ruth Clapham, Melanie & Carl Gordon, Jennifer & Peter Liddell, Dame Norma & Sir John Major, Ann & Michael Monk and Gloria Oakey who all helped to put the event on a firm financial footing.

The evening before the event the Village Hall Committee Members and some friends helped to dress the hall with Anglo-American flags, banners and a large Stars & Stripes flag which hung inside the door to welcome our guests.

Our exciting evening began with the first of seven races which created a buzz of anticipation lasting throughout the evening. Midway, we were served a delicious supper thanks to Jan Tildens' superb Cottage Pie followed by a surprise dessert-Lemon Cheesecake with cream.

Sincere thanks are due to the Village Hall Committee. Without Nicola and John Oldfields' expertise we would not have had our Tote Betting. Nicola designed and printed the tickets and Barrie James designed the excellent multi-coloured Race Card which followed an American theme which Nicola then put together. John ran the computer using Alan Robertsons' software and Nicola, aided by Ann Monk, sorted out the betting and winnings.

Jan & Ian Sly thoughtfully donated the beautiful table centerpiece flowers. Nicki Sly lent the white Wl's tablecloths and Sue Parkin provided the navy blue tablecloths. *Kitchen Angels*-Terry Goodwin did most of the washing up and helped serve the supper together with Carol Buttercase, Michael Monk, Deanna & Neil Strange, Sarah Toyn and Stuart Bell-who also checked the tickets at the door as guests arrived and gave everyone a warm welcome. Richard Logan and Chris Reynolds ran a great raffle and netted a high £218.00 for the event.

Over 70 friends, family and neighbours supported this much enjoyed evening. This time the Auction Race was won by Jackie Cox.

Aside from a great fun evening the Village Hall raised £ 1,205.87 for our funds-slightly higher than our last Ferret Event and terrific in these times of austerity.

Sincere thanks are due to International Ferret Rescue and especially to Helga and Chris Tyler and their two helpers who worked tirelessly to ensure that everyone enjoyed the evening .Chris also ran the Auction Race which netted £ 113.00.This time many of our guests took advantage of the opportunity to visit and take pictures with the Ferrets.

Thanks are also due to everyone who generously donated Raffle Prizes...and to those who supported the event which both helped our Village Hall and gave everyone a truly enjoyable evening...not forgetting those who stayed behind and cleared the hall after the event.

The organizer enjoyed the evening more than Ferret 1 in March 2012 ...probably because she knew what was expected!.

Mary Alleyne-James



REFLECTIONS: on my Tower of London Tour: Tuesday 11th March 2014

Despite a slight delay in leaving the Great Stukeley Village Hall our new driver, Derek Allen, got us to the Tower Hill coach park on time.

Our wonderful guide for the day, Martin Harvey, was awaiting our arrival and took us in hand. This terrific *Blue Badge Holder Guide* was worth his weight in gold as he was well prepared and well informed on every aspect of The Tower of London.

After our refreshment and comfort break our guided tour began and Martin pointed out the history and development of the Tower under different Kings and Queens and the Towers' customs and traditions. Among many other things we saw Traitor's Gate, the White Tower, the Bloody Tower and my special favourite - the Crown Jewels.

We broke for lunch around 1 o'clock and many of my 50 strong party visited the New Armouries Café situated within the walls of the Tower. The menus were inspired by the British seasons and the rich history of fine food preparation at the palace.

Although it was an overcast day with a really cool nip in the air the sun came out after lunch when we left the Tower for a short walk enabling us to visit the Roman Wall, the Merchant Seaman's Memorial and St. Olaf's Church. We then headed back into the Tower for a chance to buy afternoon tea or visit more of the Tower's hidden treasures. Martin then escorted us back to meet our coach for our trip back to Huntingdon at 4.45pm.

Sincere thanks are extended to our guide Martin Harvey whose knowledge really brought to life the history of the Tower and our coach driver who brought us back safely to arrive at the Village Hall at 7.15pm.

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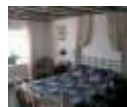
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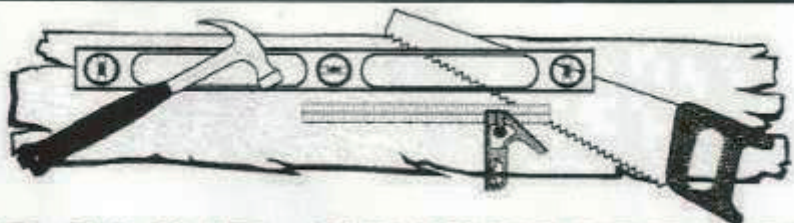
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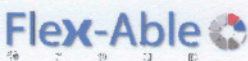
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2 nd Sunday each Month	1.00 pm 3.00 pm	Pot Luck Lunch at the Church followed by Afternoon Worship at Great Gidding Baptist Church

If there is any way in which we can help or any questions you need to ask please call Pete and Penny Bourne on 01480 432207 or 07887707940 / 07908093224 or email us at bourneagain38jer333di@gmail.com or pennyanne.bourne@gmail.com or phone David Stokes on 01480 891023 and we will do our very best to help. If you need help with transport to any of the meetings just call Pete or Penny as above. If you would like more information about Grace Fellowship visit our website, www.gracefellowshipbaptist.co.uk and please visit our Facebook Pages for Grace Fellowship and Great Gidding Baptist Church.

April has been a month of ups and downs, it started with the church at Great Gidding losing some slates from the roof after they were repaired we were told we need a new roof before the winter at the cost of 8500 POUNDS so we have to find the money for that. But at Grace Fellowship we have seen the church growing in numbers, and people's lives being changed in a positive way through the Gospel of Christ Jesus. It is so fitting to see this at this time of Easter as we remember that Jesus overcame the death of the cross to restore broken relationships. That is what sets Christianity apart from other religions; Christianity is to have a relationship with our heavenly father that was broken by the sin of mankind. The cross of Jesus is still making a bridge from God to mankind for those that chose to cross the bridge. With most of the work at Great Gidding as well as Grace Fellowship I have now set Thursdays as a day for visits if you would like a visit for any reason then please call me o 01480 432207

Pastor Pete

CHURCH SERVICES



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May				
4th	9.30 am	Holy Communion CW		No Service
Third Sunday of Easter	Celebrant	Rev'd Brian Hyder-Smith		
11th	8.00 am	Holy Communion CW		No Service
Fourth Sunday of Easter	Celebrant	Rev'd Andrew Milton		
(Note Change of time)	9.00 am	Family Service with Holy Baptism		
	Leader	Rev'd Andrew Milton		
18th	9.30 am	Holy Communion CW	8.00 am	Holy Communion
Fifth Sunday of Easter	Celebrant	Rev'd Philip Swindells	Celebrant	Rev'd Andrew Milton
25th	9.30 am	Morning Prayer	9.00 am	Holy Communion
Sixth Sunday of Easter	Leader	Alan McGoff	Celebrant	Rev'd Andrew Milton
29th	7.00 pm	Service of the Word		
Ascension Day	Leader	Richard Turpin		
June				
1th	9.30 am	Holy Communion CW		No Service
Seventh Sunday of Easter	Celebrant	To be notified		
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